(d) the details of the expenditure on the travelling of the invitees from India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government of India, Government of Delhi, Commonwealth Games Federation, Indian Olympic Association and the Organising Committee are the signatories to the Host City contract by which the XIX Commonwealth Games were allotted to Delhi. Invitations were extended to representatives of these organizations. Representatives of these organizations and those responsible for conduct and delivery of the Queens Baton Relay (QBR) and persons concerned with sports, irrespective of their party affiliations participated in the ceremony.

(d) The cost of travel of the participants was borne by their various organizations. In case of sportspersons and representatives of IOA, OC, Air India provided free air travel under value in kind scheme.

Committee to oversee preparation of Commonwealth Games

1671. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has set up any Committee to oversee the financial matters related to progress of the Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the budget released by the Centre for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRAT1K PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) a (b) The Government has constituted a Financial Sub-Committee with Government nominees of the Executive Board of the Organizing Committee (OC) comprising Secretary (Urban Development), Secretary (Sports), Additional Secretary/Special Secretary (Expenditure) of the Ministry of Finance and Chief Executive Officer, OC as Member-Convenor. The Committee will scrutinize in particular, all the financial proposals that are to be placed before the Executive Board of the OC for approval.

(c) No separate budget has been sanctioned/released by the Government for the purpose.

Dissatisfaction expressed by President, Commonwealth Games Federation

†1672. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mike Fennel, the President of Commonwealth Games Federation has expressed dissatisfaction with the preparations of Organising Committee;

(b) if so, the issues on which there is dissatisfaction and disagreement;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.